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Mr. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
7-E-60 HQ
Washington, D.C. 20505

September 5, 1985

Dear Bill,

During your Directorship there have been notable programmatic innovations, but there has been none more memorable than your sponsorship of the Commemoration for Pioneers of Space Technology. It was an outstanding success!

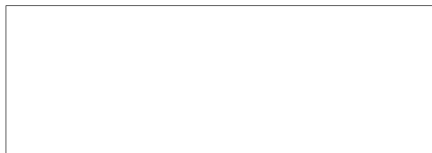
The ceremony was a poignant reminder that the programmatic achievements that remain visible are built on a foundation cemented by human effort and inspired by the creativity and teamwork of so many. From my vantage point, it was possible to observe the expressions of satisfaction on the faces of award recipients (while you were preparing to hand out the next award) as each, having completed all required acts, came down from the stage and examined the medallion symbolizing participation in an extraordinarily successful activity. The ceremony, the films, the exhibits are all pleausurably unforgettable.

Once the decision was made to proceed, you appear to have had tremendous cooperation from many quarters, so that every aspect of the activity was accomplished in a seemingly flawless manner. Those of us who especially desired a commemorative event could not have asked for more, nor expected such excellence of execution.

Every pioneer with whom I spoke or dined took special satisfaction from the event -- even those like Jim Baker who have been honored recently. For Richard Leghorn, who founded the Itek Corporation in September 1957 and who brought to it the core staff from a budget-starved BU Applied Physics Lab, the understanding that he was respected for these achievements allowed him to rejoin a world he had eschewed for the last 24 years.

For some of us who came to know some of these pioneers, the event had a special meaning. But it also had a special meaning for those charged with contemporary programmatic activities, some of whom have for the first time met the pioneers of their chosen profession. Once again, congratulations, and thank you.

Best regards,



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